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Mandhyan visits campus, inspires CADR students

By Vanessa Junkin
Editor in Chief

His Eminence Kishore Mandhyan's office is located on the 38th floor of the United Nations in New York City. However, on Wednesday, Nov. 18, Mandhyan was in Salisbury University's TETC building in front of a selected audience to present his lecture, "Walking a Thin Line: Managing the Challenges of U.N. Peacekeeping Forces in International Conflict."

Mandhyan began his career with the U.N. in the early 1990s and currently holds the position of Deputy Political Advisor to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. However, Mandhyan noted that it took multiple attempts to get a job with the U.N.

Before taking his current position, Mandhyan led civil affairs operations for the U.N. in Bosnia, Serbia, Eastern Slavonia, Croatia, Iraq, Oman and Kuwait.

He said that his field experience assists him during his current work with the Secretary-General.

"There's never a boring moment because all kinds of issues from all parts of the world come to the table," Mandhyan said of his job.

Mandhyan said working with some of the issues can be sad or difficult at times because essentially, the basis of peacekeeping is dealing with violence. However, he said working through peacekeeping issues — which have a future, unknown resolution to reach — is "challenging and very interest-

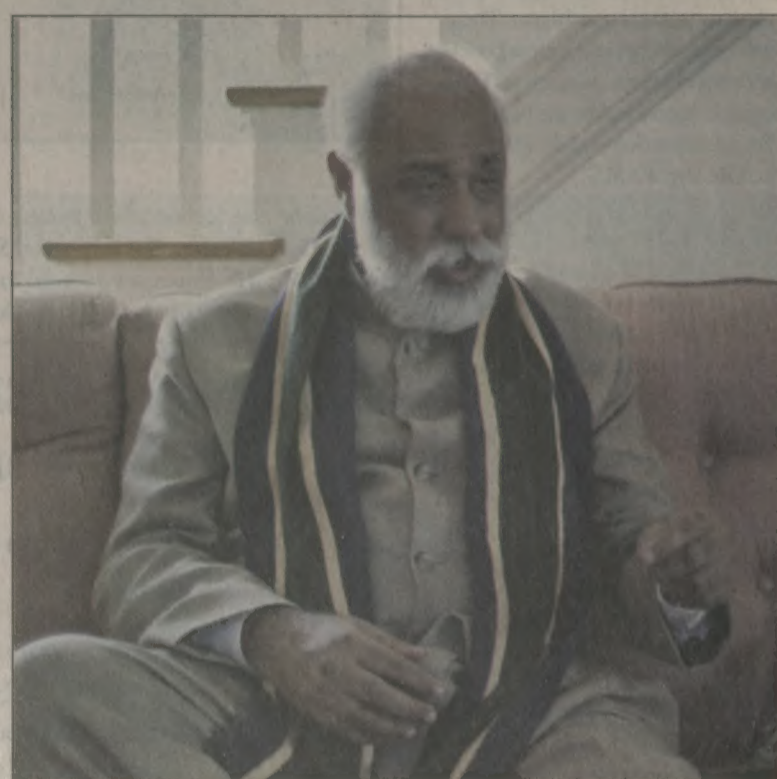
ing."

Before lecturing, Mandhyan said that through his talk, he wanted to tell the audience what U.N. peacekeeping is about, explain why it happens and discuss how it is done.

"The essential message is that this is a very complex exercise that the U.N. has gradually acquired an enormous amount of experience about. It is trying to think through that experience so as to learn how to respond to the challenges which could emerge on the ground in the future," Mandhyan said.

Todd Becker, a retired ambassador of the OSCE — the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe — noted that Mandhyan was

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Patrick Morris photo

His Eminence Kishore Mandhyan, Deputy Political Advisor to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, chats with people before presenting a lecture to an invited audience on Wednesday, Nov. 18.



R.L. Pusey photo

Sheriff Mike Lewis gives WMDT anchor Stacy Sakai a kiss during Thursday's Jail and Bail, which supports the Kids of Honor program.

Jail and Bail brings in thousands of dollars for Kids of Honor

By Jacqueline Miller
Staff Writer

The second annual Jail and Bail event has given being "under arrest" a whole new meaning. SU staff, students and other members of the Salisbury community were "arrested" until collecting bail, which was donated to the Kids of Honor program on Wed., Nov. 18.

Jailbirds part of Jail and Bail included SU professor Paula Morris, SU students Nate Hewitt and Randall Santiago, Mayor Jim Iretton, WMDT anchor Stacy Sakai and Sheriff Mike Lewis.

Jailbirds collected their bail by calling friends and family and were held in the Wicomico Room

of the GUC. Students were held until they reached \$500 and other participants were held until they raised \$1,000.

Senior Nick Hewitt participated as a jailbird representing his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, and found many people were willing to make donations. He had raised more than half his bail just two hours after the event began.

"Pretty much everyone I have called has donated money," Hewitt said.

Students took the reins in implementing all aspects of the event as part of a group project for Morris' marketing class. Senior Sarah Green led Jail and Bail, working with 12 other students

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SGA addresses safety concerns

By Ross Rinehart
Staff Writer

"Salisbury is the #1 MOST DANGEROUS CITY in MD," read the subject line for an e-mail that invited students to the Sea Gulls Squawk for Safety forum.

On Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in Holloway Hall, students came together to discuss issues relating to crime and listen to others. The student-only question-answer session led by the SGA addressed concerns of rising crime rates in the area surrounding campus.

According to homesurfer.com, Salisbury is in the 100th percentile in the

state of Maryland and the 99th percentile nationally for violent crime.

WBOC News reported that the city's robberies are up 16 percent, burglaries are up 30 percent, and Part I crimes, such as homicide, rape and aggravated assault, are up 11 percent.

"We've got to let people be aware of what's going on, but we don't want to freak them out," said SGA Vice President of External Affairs Julia Glanz.

SGA recorded student opinions and personal stories and the organization plans to bring them to the University administration for review.

"We can have this conversation, but if we actually start to do something

collectively it's a lot better," said SGA President Pat Gotham.

Students shared first-hand experiences with crime in the area, receiving feedback and similar stories from peers.

Senior Billy Condrion lives on Camden Avenue, between North Boulevard and Hazel Avenue. Despite having security cameras constantly recording the building, his apartment has already been broken into twice this year.

"I feel like we always have to be on alert," Condrion said. "It was shocking to hear from so many other students that have had to deal with the

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'Tis the season to appreciate

By Hayley Efland
Staff Writer

Over the past two years, Salisbury University's budget has seen some unwelcome cuts. For faculty and staff, this results in furlough days where employees of the University work without pay. In an attempt to battle the hard times facing University employees, the SGA created the first ever Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week, which was held Nov. 16-20.

"Despite the cuts, the faculty and staff at Salisbury University continue to put a smile on their face and give their all so that students don't see cuts to quality and get to have the great experience that Salisbury offers year in and year out," said SGA President Pat Gotham.

Organized and executed by SGA Vice President of Public Relations Jessica DiPietro, Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week hosted various events. To kick it off on Monday, Nov. 16, banners and flyers signed by students outside of The Commons were hung around campus and chalk-

ing surrounded the academic buildings with words of gratitude. On Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 17-18, students were given the opportunity to write messages on paper apple cutouts to say thanks to a faculty or staff member.

"The apples had a great impact because it gave students time to

reflect on people who have really made a difference in their lives," DiPietro said.

The apples were delivered with an invitation to an appreciation ceremony held in the Wicomico Room Thursday, Nov. 19 at 3:30 p.m. At the ceremony, SU-TV

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Leslie Davis photo

Student Beeta Nazemian poses with Dr. Jody Morrison at the faculty and staff appreciation ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 19.

Students "Shoot for Troops" in charity event

By Gwen Ferrand
Staff Writer

What began as a class project turned into an opportunity for students to come out and show their support for injured troops. A group of eight were tasked by

marketing professor Paula Morris to put together a charity basketball event Saturday, Nov. 21 in Maggs.

The Shoot for Troops event was organized tournament-style, with six games going on at once in Maggs' upstairs gym.

From 1 to 4 p.m., teams of

three competed in 10-minute long games.

According to the organization's Web site, their mission is to "honor and empower wounded warriors." On the site, the group says that they aim to raise awareness and enlist public support for

severely wounded service men and women and create programs to meet their needs and connect with one another.

"We decided at the beginning that this was the cause we wanted to hold the event for," said Stephanie Florwick, a member of

the team.

Starting a Facebook group, putting up flyers and word-of-mouth helped the turnout on Saturday.

"We had about 10 teams of three signed up and 16 teams showed up," Florwick said.

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Briefly Stated

Salisbury Madness
Students can show Gull Pride at the first ever Salisbury Madness event. Free with a student ID, they can support the Men and Women's basketball teams as they prepare for the 2009-2010 season. The event takes place on Tuesday, Dec. 1 in Maggs main gym with doors opening at 8:30 p.m. and the event starting at 9 p.m., running until around 10 p.m. There will be giveaways and a crowd contest with the chance to win prizes. The event is sponsored by the National Broadcasting Society, SU-TV and will be DJed by WXSU.

WXSU 96.3 Hiring
WXSU 96.3 FM is looking for two new members to join the management team for Spring 2010: a webmaster and public relations director. Webmaster must have prior work/class experience in web design. Samples must be submitted prior to interview. PR director should have experience in event management, promotions and underwriting. Interested students that meet these requirements are encouraged to apply immediately; positions may not be open for long. The radio station is located on the second floor of GUC by Multicultural Services; applications will be posted in the hall of the station. Deadline to apply is Dec. 2.

LPE Clothing Drive
Communication Honor Society Lambda Pi Eta is holding a clothing drive. Any old or unwanted clothing can be dropped off on or before Tuesday, Nov. 24. Drop off locations are all Residence Halls and outside the Student Activities Office, GUC 125.

Family Holiday Crafts
SU's Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art hosts a Family Holiday Crafts event noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Participants create and make personalized gifts from recycled and sustainable materials. Prices range from \$1-\$10 per item for walk-in craft projects. Refreshments and snacks will be sold, and participants receive free admission.

Holiday Music Festival
SU hosts a "Dance, Romance, Mistletoe and Music" festival Sunday-Saturday, Dec. 6-12 in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The Salisbury University Choral inaugurates the festival 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Other performances include The Salisbury Pops and Squawkapella at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8; SU Jazz Braxx Big Band at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10; and the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra's Romantic Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Admission to the Romantic Holiday Concert is \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for children 12 and under. For tickets visit www.salisbury.edu/ssc. Admission to all other concerts is free; the public is invited.

"The London Cuckolds" Auditions
SU's Bobbi Biron Theatre Program is seeking three rich husbands, three young wives, three randy gentlemen and a half dozen other unsavory and scheming characters for its upcoming production of Edward Ravenscroft's The London Cuckolds. Auditions are 7-9 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Dec. 6-7 in the Black Box Theatre of Fulton Hall. Auditions are open to the public. A copy of the script is available online at www.salisbury3dc.edu/theatreanddance/theatre.

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Senior Art Show on display in Fulton Hall's University Gallery



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Alice Bahr and Stephen Ford peruse student work in the University Gallery in Fulton Hall, stopping to look at art by Claire Blevins. The Senior Art Show will run until Friday, Dec. 4 and will continue Thursday, Dec. 10 to Friday, Dec. 18. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and a President's Award reception will be held at the gallery 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4.

Statement from USM Chancellor William "Brit" Kirwan on \$25 million transfer from USM fund balance to State

From the University System of Maryland Web site

Adelphi, Md. (Nov. 18, 2009) — University System of Maryland (USM) Chancellor William E. "Brit" Kirwan responded today to budget actions taken by the Maryland Board of Public Works to address the current economic situation.

As part of the board's actions, \$25 million from the USM fund balance has been transferred to the state.

"Due to the current economic situation and the decline in state revenues, we understand that the Governor and the Board of Public Works have had to make some very difficult and painful decisions," Kirwan said.

"As a result, the University System of Maryland has received a significant cut. Through

the System's Efficiency & Effectiveness efforts and sound fiscal management, we will continue to do everything possible to limit any impact on students' educational experience and the quality of our institutions," he said.

A fund balance reduction and transfer does not represent a cut to the USM annual operating budget. However, such a transfer impacts cash reserves for such future uses as facilities renewal projects and reserves to support both outstanding debt and debt to be issued to fund previously approved capital projects.

"The System and Board of Regents have appreciated the Governor's support through these tough times," Kirwan said. "The USM's ability to maintain the tuition freeze is an issue that the board will be evaluating

Jail

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from Mrs. Morris' class as well as with individuals from Dr. Dover's e-marketing and sales class.

"There was definitely a lot of pressure working on the event, but it was good pressure and will benefit me in the long run," said Green. "Overall, I am very happy with the way the event turned out."

Senior Julie Gilbertson worked on the public relations aspect, writing press releases and advertising to students.

"This was the first event I had ever planned," said Gilbertson. "I had no idea there were so many aspects to throwing an event. It definitely takes a lot of teamwork."

Students also took part in a raffle put together by senior Lauren Cassidy where people could win a \$50 gift certificate to Brew River, a gift certificate to Beach Fever, two dozen donuts from Fractured Prune, and two gift certificates to Red Burrito and Hardee's. Price Automotive donated \$500, which was used for the raffle and t-shirts.

All proceeds from the event, totaling roughly \$7,500, were given to Kids of Honor, Inc., a local non-profit organization.

Founded by SU professor Paula Morris, Kids of Honor fosters the academic success of its members with the support of local service organizations. The program incorporates proven national educational strategies to develop the skills of its members.

"We have really seen that this model works," said Morris. "We've become that layer of support as they go to high school." Donations to Kids of Honor may be submitted until Dec. 1 at <http://www.kidsofthonor.org>.

Friday, Nov. 20 to ensure the staff received the appreciation they deserve.

"I feel that this is just as good for students as it is for faculty and staff because it opens our eyes to the fact that the University works for us," DiPietro said. "These faculty and staff are so much more than employees, they are giving people who want the best for us. Next year I only hope that we can foster more support in order to make Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week even better."

Small. "It's fun. If it weren't, I wouldn't do it." Among those at the ceremony was SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach.

"I was delighted to learn that students had come up with the idea for Faculty and Staff Appreciation Week. This is a way in which students can show that they realize that the vast majority of SU employees sincerely care about them," Dudley-Eshbach said.

The week culminated in a storming of The Commons on

All of the proceeds are going to the Wounded Warrior Project. Florwick said making the event fun for everyone was another one of the team's goals, and she and Gabriellian said that was met by the amount of people who attended.

"It's good exercise and something to get you out of the house," said senior Chas Gray about the added benefits of playing in the tournament. Joking that he recruited friend Kyle Sterling and Will Evans through a tryout, Gray added that he would definitely participate in the event again if given the chance.

"I'm pretty stoked at how it turned out," said Gabriellian, who watched with her team as the last game was played. "We're happy surprised that this many people came out on Saturday to give their time."



Dan Anderson photo

Students compete in the "Shoot for Troops" event that marketing students organized to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Crime Beat

11/07/09
9:30 p.m.-10 p.m.
Theft

A complainant reported the theft of an unattended wallet and jacket from The Commons building.

11/08/09
1:28 a.m.
Malicious Destruction of Property

Someone vandalized a trash can and cigarette receptacle near the Wayne Street Parking Garage.

11/10/09
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Theft

A faculty member reported the theft of an unattended purse from her office in Caruthers Hall. The case is under investigation.

11/14/09
1:40 a.m.
Alcohol Related Illness/Underage Consumption

University Police were called to Choptank Hall to assist with an unresponsive student, suffering from alcohol intoxication. The student, who was under the age of 21 years, was transported to the local hospital for treatment. A copy of the officer's report was forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

11/14/09
5:21 p.m.
Theft

Two students stole a University-owned sign from the sidewalk along Wayne Street. They were identified through the investigation, and will be charged criminally. A copy of the investigative report was forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

11/14/09
11 p.m.
Alcohol Violation - Underage

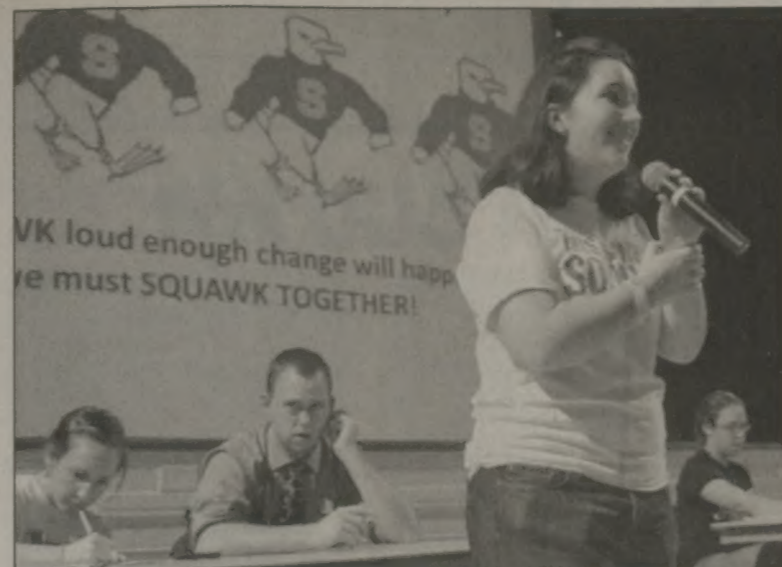
An officer discovered an underage person (non-student) in possession of an alcoholic beverage near Maggs Gym. The individual was issued a civil citation.

11/14/09
11:05 p.m.
Assist Other Police Agency

University Police officers were called to Perry Drive to assist the Salisbury Police with a reported large fight in progress. No fight was observed; however, a large crowd associated with a nearby party was dispersed from the area.

11/15/09
1:43 a.m.
Alcohol-Related Illness

An intoxicated person (non-student) was found unconscious in the Rt.13 underpass. He was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment.



Telecia Taylor photo

SGA Vice President of External Affairs Julia Glanz offers the opportunity for students to speak up about safety issues on Thursday, Nov. 19.

Safety

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same problems."

Students expressed fears of traveling by foot at night and living in more dangerous parts of town. With limited student housing available, the SU community has spread out through a variety of neighborhoods on both sides of Route 13. Off-campus residents have consequently moved into dangerous places such as N. Smith St. and the area around Roger St.

"I live on Hazel [Avenue] and I am terrified to ride my bike home after night classes," senior Rachel Drozinski said.

Glanz said the University has taken steps to protect its students and faculty. SU has hired eight new police officers and is making an effort to

put the entire campus under video surveillance. A group takes part in safety walks around the campus to check for hazardous conditions like overgrown shrubbery where individuals could hide. Other precautions include self-defense classes and the addition of a fourth van to Saferide.

The SGA introduced ideas that could possibly prevent students from becoming victims. The proposition of extended and weekend shuttle hours received overwhelming support while students in attendance had mixed feelings about an upgrade to the text service that would alarm students every time their peers were victims of a crime. The service would be optional and would provide the details and location of the crime.

"We just want to make the community safer for everybody," Glanz said.

Mandhyan

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born in a refugee camp but has worked his way to his current position.

"He's a very extraordinary average guy," and I think we're all potentially "extraordinary average guys," but as Kishore pointed out, you have to constantly be working, be flexible," Becker said.

Mandhyan's lecture, for the "One Person Can Make a Difference" lecture series, was organized by Becker and Brian Polkinghorn. Polkinghorn is the Executive Director of the Center for Conflict Resolution and a professor in SU's Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution department.

"I want [students] to be able to see over the horizon in their own lives and say, 'I can do this too,'" Polkinghorn said of the lecture's mission.

Students come together for Unity Week events

By Gwen Ferrand
Staff Writer

SU's first-ever Unity Week brought students together through a cookout in the quad, a poetry slam and a step show.

Salisbury University's Residence Life Diversity Awareness Team, composed of resident assistants, hosted the events from Nov. 16-18. They were held to raise awareness about the different cultures on campus.

"The focus is unity in terms of ethnicity and cultures, and bringing them all together through common interests," said Erika Brightful, area director of St. Martin's, Chesapeake and Dogwood Village residence halls.

The Residence Life Diversity Awareness Team is one of six teams with the housing department that targets issues needing awareness, and the group began planning for this event in September, said member Brittany Maffett.

Bringing many different groups together was the goal of the week, and Maffett added that the step show that ended the week was the epitome of unity.

"When you looked out into the audience, you saw so many different people represented," Maffett said. Advisor of the Residence Life Diversity Awareness Team Mark Dalessandro said that originally the events were supposed to last an entire week, but coordinating with all the venues and clubs was difficult.

"There will be a Part Two in the spring," he said of the events that will be held in Spring 2010 that could not be fit into the past week.

The Greek aspect was credited to organizer and Resident Director of Manokin Hall Anthony Sierra, a

graduate of Lincoln University, who was responsible for organizing the step show and bringing sororities and fraternities to participate in the show. "I didn't expect the step show to be such a success, but I'm glad it turned out the way it did. I'm glad there is tremendous support on campus for diversity and unity," Sierra said.

"It was great to have black fraternities and sororities at SU and show students another aspect of Greek life," added Dalessandro, who said it was an opportunity for the campus to think about expanding its own Greek organizations.

Students' reactions are motivation for the team to continue in the spring, said Dalessandro. In addition, seeing students perform in the step show and the poetry slam exemplified a willingness to go beyond the

norm and try something different, added Brightful.

"Not only are they going to have fun and learn a lot but they are also going to gain leadership skills," said Dalessandro of why students should get involved in the future.

The team hopes to have more groups from SU involved in the spring, and that the events chosen planted the seed of interest about cultural awareness in students.

"It's good for students to try new and different things," Brightful said. "And if you don't, you rob yourself of the experience."

Sierra said he was very grateful for all of the effort students put into the event.

"I'm extremely proud of the SU Greek community and SU Step Team for all their hard work and support," Sierra said.



Telecia Taylor photo

Alexis Wilkins, Elyse McCabe and Ashley Patterson present Anthony Sierra with a SU Greek sweatshirt and a plaque from the Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council at the Unity Week step show.

Junior CADR major Lubi Manova also said that she feels inspired after listening to Mandhyan.

"The thing I will walk away from this [with] is the fact that in order to change the rest of the world or anyone or anything else, you have to change yourself. The desire for peace must come from within yourself — it has to be a deep passion within before you can counsel anyone else on the logic and need for international

peace," Manova said. CADR student Jack Carpenter said it was especially interesting hearing Mandhyan speak about the importance of a more selfless and bias-free perspective for working toward a conflict solution.

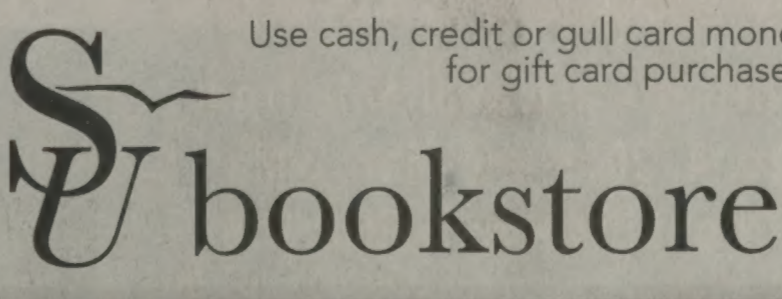
"To see someone like that who's essentially devoted his life to trying to reduce conflict and move human civilization towards a better future, it's a terrific thing," Carpenter said.

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U.S. hopes for release of Aung San Suu Kyi



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President Obama and his administration want to have Aung San Suu Kyi released. Here, she is shown in a photo from 2002.

By James Asuquo-Brown III
Staff Writer

U.S. State Department spokesman Ian Kelly told reporters that the U.S. was hopeful that meaningful political dialogue could now take place in Myanmar between the military government and opposition parties after pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi wrote to military junta chief Senior General Than Shwe. Kelly went on to say his department was aware of the letter and hoped it would be "the beginning of a dialogue that will lead" to Suu Kyi's release.

Suu Kyi, in her Nov. 11 letter to the junta, requested a meeting with Than Shwe, and said she was willing to work with the government in the interests of the nation. The Associated Press reported, citing a spokesman for her National League for Democ-

racy.

The Obama administration, in a bid to engage directly with the junta for democracy and other reforms, brought up the case of Suu Kyi with the Burmese Prime Minister Lt. Gen. Thein Sein during the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) meeting in Singapore on Nov. 15.

Kelly stated the U.S. has "started a new, very focused dialogue with the government of Burma" that calls on the junta to "open up its political system," and particularly for the regime to release a reported 2,000 political prisoners, including Suu Kyi.

Earlier this month, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Kurt Campbell became the most senior American official to visit Myanmar in 14 years. Campbell met with Suu Kyi, who has spent almost 14 years in detention since her National

League for Democracy party won the country's last elections in 1990. In August, the junta extended her house arrest for another 18 months, which many speculate was a move intended to exclude her from next year's elections.

President Obama has increased contacts while maintaining sanctions on the regime. The United Nations General Assembly's Third Committee, which focuses on social, humanitarian and cultural issues, voted to adopt a U.S.-sponsored, non-binding resolution criticizing human rights abuses in Myanmar. The resolution stated the assembly "strongly condemns the ongoing systematic violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people of Myanmar [Burma]," the measure passed by a vote of 92 to 26, with 65 abstentions.

All information in this article was sourced from BBC News.

Violence, tension continues in Yemen

By Robert Forrester
Staff Writer

Pressures increased on Houthi rebels in Yemen last week when three commanders were killed by Yemeni and Saudi attacks. Violence has continued off and on for years, as the rebels fight for local autonomy.

The Houthis follow the Shiite sect of Islam, while the rest of the country (and almost all of the Arabian Peninsula) follow the Sunni branch. The putative aim of

the rebels is to protect themselves from Yemeni religious and racial discrimination. The Yemeni government, however, maintains that they seek to implement Sharia religious law in the north of the country.

Tensions rose when Houthi fighters crossed the Yemeni border into Saudi Arabia, killing a border guard and seizing a village. Saudi armed forces have responded by bombing Houthi positions, proclaiming that such attacks will continue until the

rebels retreat well inside the Yemeni border.

To make matters worse, both Saudi and Yemeni governments have accused the Houthis of receiving support from Iran, which has flatly denied the accusations. Tehran increased tensions by accusing the other belligerents of destabilizing the region. The Iranian foreign minister had harsh words for the combatants, claiming that "the fire [the Yemenis and Saudis] have ignited will entangle themselves."

Meanwhile, thousands have been displaced by the fighting. Saudi officials announce that 250 people near border villages have been evacuated, while 50 schools have been closed. Yemeni aid groups announced that tens of thousands have been displaced within Yemen. Unfortunately, some have not been so lucky to be able to flee. The Saudi army's attacks have killed forty Houthi militants in one raid alone, while another killed two women and a child.

However, the conflict looks to

be settling down in recent days. With incoming weapon shipments seized and three leaders dead, the Houthis are running out of the implements needed to fight. Increased pressure from both the Saudi and Yemeni armies is taking its toll as well, as rebel-held territory is slowly seized by the Yemeni army. While the underlying causes have yet to be settled, the most recent flare-up looks to be coming to an end.

All information in this article was sourced from BBC News.

Kosovo's Nov. 15 election is first since country became independent

By Kelley Matney
Staff Writer

The elections on Sunday, Nov. 15 were the first held in Kosovo since they declared their independence from Serbia in 2008.

The key issues of the elections appeared to have been governmental corruption, unemployment and Kosovo's poor infrastructure as it is one of the poorest countries in Europe.

Shortly after polls closed on Sunday, Kosovo's Prime Minister,

Hashim Thaci, stated that his party had won in 20 of the 36 municipalities.

The elections were held for city council and mayors' offices in 36 municipalities. Observers said the elections adhered to most of the international standards but had some faults.

No major news of turmoil or fraud claims were reported, however, the time leading up to the election was marked by increased stress between Kosovars and opponent ethnic Albanians and the prospect

of a Serbian minority boycott.

These elections were seen as a decisive chance for Kosovo to establish themselves as a working democracy and to achieve approval and recognition as an independent state.

"Today we are showing that our country and its citizens have deserved independence, democracy and the European Union perspective," Thaci said in a Reuters article.

Sixty-three countries have recognized Kosovo as an independent state, including the United States

and a majority of European countries.

Serbia, however, has promised to prevent further recognition and has gained Russia's support.

"I'm sure we will have success and appreciate very much participation of all citizens, in particular Serbs of Kosovo," Thaci said to the Associated Press.

Election officials have said that 45 percent of the 1.5 million registered voters in Kosovo came out to cast a ballot, which is a minor increase from what was seen in the 2007

election when turnout was only 40 percent.

It was not apparent how many of the voters in the election were Kosovar Serbs.

Serbia's Foreign Minister, Vuk Jeremic, said that the Serbian government did not recognize elections planned by "the so-called Republic of Kosovo," however, they would not take action against any Serbs that participated.

"Kosovo is an integral part of Serbia, and it will always be so," Jeremic said.

Obama China trip misses opportunities, produces U.S.-China clean energy pact

By James Asuquo-Brown III
Staff Writer

Nov. 15 marked the start of President Obama's nine-day tour of Asia, beginning in China and eventually moving onto Japan, South Korea and Singapore.

The president echoed a similar message to that of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who, in her first official visit to the country, said that human rights would not be permitted to "interfere" with larger concerns, such as global climate change and economics.

At a press conference with Chinese President Hu Jintao, Obama mentioned the human rights talks that he and Jintao had. He also noted that Americans believe all people possess fundamental rights that should be available to everyone, including religious and ethnic minorities.

The president declined to make his point more vigorously; he steered clear of dissidents, Chinese human rights groups and everyday Chinese citizens, opting to have his town hall address attended by carefully vetted young people from the Chinese Communist Youth League in Shanghai.

Obama, in diverting a question about China's censorship of the Internet, instead referred to America's spirited political debates but

refrained from criticizing China outright. The address was broadcast on local Shanghai television, streamed live on the Internet and in text-only form on state-run Xinhuanet.com's English site, and even that response was removed.

The two nations agreed to cooperate on their economies, and military relations, with no major domestic policy breakthroughs occurring. Other lingering issues that China could offer assistance with, such as North Korea and Iran, still remained with little to no progress made.

A few days into the trip the world's two largest polluters released a joint statement on climate change and also mentioned a series of clean energy initiatives both countries would be undertaking. The statement comes in advance of the United Nations Climate Change Conference slated to take place in Copenhagen, Denmark in December. Obama administration officials already have acknowledged that the Copenhagen talks aren't expected to produce a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012, stating a fully-binding legal agreement would likely occur in Mexico City, sometime in December of next year.

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Overheard: Are you going to contribute to a charity this holiday season?

Photos and article by Adrienne Price



"I plan on donating canned foods to Joseph House. They put a bag on your door to fill with food and then pick it up."
-Jill Petrosillo, grad student



"I will most likely be making a donation to Toys for Tots."
-Jonathan Krah, senior



"I plan to donate dog food and toys to the Humane Society and to the food drive at the library."
-Lauren Daffin, senior



"I'll probably volunteer at Kid's Cafe with Salisbury Promise."
-Mike Piorunski, senior



"I volunteer at a local soup kitchen and I participate in the Angel Tree Project."
-Andrea Wheatley, Administrative Assistant for Multicultural Student Services

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Holding terrorist's trial in N.Y. may not be smart or safe

By Morgan Majchrzak
Staff Writer

Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the terrorist accused of plotting the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, will go on trial in a civilian court in New York. He will be transferred to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, which is not that far from where the World Trade Center towers once stood. Prosecutors will seek the death penalty and the trial will be open to the public unless certain parts of the trial contain classified information.

As satisfied as I am that he is finally being put on trial after eight years, I am not so certain that this is safe – for the civilians and Mohammed himself. He is accused of plotting the World Trade Center attacks, and he is going to be in a civilian court? I know if I lived in the area I would absolutely be uncomfortable having this trial so close to home.

We are not talking about a kidnapper or a burglar here. According to CNN senior legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin, Mohammed is the most wanted terrorist in the world. This case has been widely publicized, and practically every person knows who he is. By releasing information about his

trial, other terrorists know exactly where he will be. What if they make a decision to bomb the courthouse? It is going to take a lot of precise security measures to ensure even a little bit of safety, and I expect that the courthouse will be overflowing with people.

One setback prosecutors most likely will face is the fact that Mohammed was waterboarded while in custody, and this would make a lot of comments and confessions that he made inadmissible in court. This could result in a shorter sentence and may even dismiss the death penalty. The prosecutors are going to have to work hard so the victims and their families get the justice they deserve. It clearly wasn't their choice to torture Mohammed in order to get a confession, so why should they suffer further and have justice taken from them?

This is a highly anticipated trial, and I am curious to see the end result and whether or not justice is served. It is a bold move having a terrorist tried in civilian court, almost bordering on irresponsible. I just hope nothing horrific happens and that the trial can proceed swiftly and safely. If this trial is successful, expect more high profile cases to emerge in a civilian court.

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Letter to the Editor

SU should not ban smoking, but enforce policy already in place

"It takes all kinds of fruit to make fruit cup" – Mission Hill

All of us are different, unique and have something to offer this fine world we share. But it is most important to remember that we must coexist. While we may not approve of others' decisions, it is important that we respect them. Religion, political views and lifestyles are all examples of differences we share but respect. Some of us happen to smoke tobacco products. I am a "smoker" and I am currently quitting.

Cigarette smoking is extremely expensive and quitting is a major lifestyle change. College is not the easiest place to quit. But rather than banning cigarettes on campus, SU should better enforce the current policy. This requires smokers to smoke in designated areas, or at least 30 feet away from a building. Simul-

taneously, SU should develop support systems for quitting smokers. The patch provided by health services will not work for everyone. In addition, support systems would be more accepted by smokers and would allow everyone to have their rights respected.

But outdoor secondhand smoke, how harmful is it? Well, the EPA lists PM2.5 (harmful by-product of cigarette smoke) as a carcinogen. This is the same chemical produced by combustion engines. The first in-depth, peer-reviewed study on outdoor secondhand smoke was published in Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association in May 2007. In it, one of the researchers from Stanford concluded, "If there's just one smoker, and you can sit six feet away, you would have little prob-

lem." Conversely, in an area of close proximity to many smokers, exposure goes up. If 6 feet is all the distance needed, why is there such a desire to put smokers at risk in dangerous Salisbury to prevent exposure to toxins that are produced in higher amounts by commuter vehicles?

In 2008, Maryland received \$366.3 million in cigarette tax revenue. For the 2009 fiscal year, it is expected that the revenue will exceed \$408.7 million. Of the entire \$U \$108.5 million total revenue, 25.4 percent or \$27.5 million is state appropriated funds. Our state's tax represents the "social cost" of smoking – and it is the smokers who pay that tax.

The proposed and SGA-endorsed ban symbolizes the sacrificing of one population for the convenience of another. If ap-

proved by the administration, this ban would require all smokers to leave campus and be left alone in the most dangerous city, per capita, in Maryland. It is also doubtful that the community would approve of such a migration of smokers to their private properties. The ban would also stretch our already overworked and underpaid campus police officers.

Perhaps it is time the University provides better support systems for smokers working to quit and better enforcement of the current policy. As a University, we need to show we are able to overcome superficial differences and work together to come to an agreement that benefits all. Let your voice be heard by visiting Contact Us at sga.salisbury.edu.

-Eric Disque, senior

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My mom keeps making mean comments about my weight. Although she says she's just joking, sometimes it still hurts. While my mom is tall and skinny, I'm not so lucky. She constantly compares me to my cousins who are also tall and skinny. She asks me questions like, "Why don't you look like us?" She also says it's embarrassing to have to buy large clothes for me. These comments are really hurtful, but I don't know how to go about it with my mom.

The comments your mom is making are not funny or right. Tell her that what she says really does hurt you. Although she thinks she is joking, it does not come off that way to you. Those comments are unacceptable—especially from your mom. Not everyone is built the same way. Just because you do not look like everyone in your family does not mean there is something wrong with you. If you would like to talk to someone about it, consider going to Salisbury University's Student Counseling Services. Before visiting, feel free to out their Web site at <http://www.salisbury.edu/Counseling/>.

Obama's bow to Japanese emperor does not show weakness

By Bethany Jeffries
Staff Writer

President Obama's recent visit to Japan has garnered a lot of media attention, but none more so than the flak that the president received after bowing to Emperor Akihito of Japan while shaking his hand. Republicans and radicals, bloggers and bipartisans all rose up in an outcry. The furor, created over the gesture regarded as disrespectful by the Japanese, decried the president's actions as showing the world how "weak" America is.

How is it weak to acknowledge a respected ally of America, with a culturally respected greeting? If Americans are so secure in their own power, this little byplay would have been nothing more than what it was—a respectful greeting. Instead, these journalists and government officials are doing exactly what they accuse Obama of doing—weakening the idealized image of America.

Many accused Obama of representing our country in an ill-mannered way, yet how quick are these people to judge this new president when compared with others?

Who was outraged by former President Bush's unplanned massage of German chancellor Angela Merkel at the G8 summit? Informally touching a representative of another country seems to be far worse than greeting the emperor of a country with a great amount of economic stability in these troubled times.

If our own elected government of officials will not follow a publically and democratically-elected president, either at home or abroad, then what does this show to the developed nations who are able to focus on important matters? These

representatives should be focusing on who they represent and what they are in office for, instead of trumpeting their antiquated fantasies to the media and further destabilizing our society.

While there are homeless children going to school without lunch, while there are millions of Americans who are ill or injured and cannot afford such creature comforts as health care, these pompous pieces of bloated ego focus on the trivial details of the presidency, instead of focusing on what matters, what can be changed.

Imaginary money helps nonexistent people in made-up places

By Chad Grills
Staff Writer

On a tip from a sharp reader, I checked out www.recovery.gov. Unfortunately, many other people checked things before I did. Certain media outlets found major discrepancies in "data" from recovery.gov. Thanks are in order to ABC news for actually reporting the following ruling party errors.

If the government says something... then it must be true. Just check out stimulus spending success in non-existent congressional districts: \$34 million in Arizona's 86th district, \$19 million spent in imaginary Oklahoma districts and \$10.6 million spent in fanciful Iowa districts. A miracle occurred in Connecticut's 42nd district (no such thing), as 25 jobs were created with zero dollars! \$8.4 million was spent in the 99th district of the Virgin Islands, along with \$47.4 million in Puerto Rico's wonderful 99th! Real magic happened in the 99th district of the Northern Mariana Islands when \$1.5 million saved 3 jobs. These are a few of the errors found from recovery.gov, and investigations have begun to decipher the scope of deceit.

The stimulus from our govern-

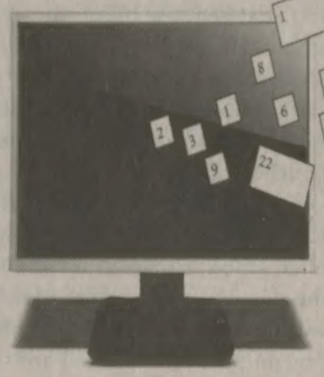
ment that was enacted and billed as preventing unemployment from increasing has "saved" jobs all over the place! This supernatural money has saved jobs in imaginary districts, long since overwhelmed by unemployment. To their credit, liberals have the problems plaguing our pretend districts under complete control. [Recovery.gov](http://recovery.gov) is an attempt at transparency, which reveals the nature and fraudulence of government spending. Conveniently, the only government agency that monitors "saved jobs" is recovery.gov. Prior to the introduction of the stimulus, Team Obama promised that unemployment would not rise above 7.8 percent. Today, United States unemployment is at 10.2 percent.

Back into the realm of that which exists, recent empirical evidence from economist and Harvard professor Dr. Robert Barro reveals that government spending does not come without serious costs. For every dollar spent by the government, the peacetime productivity yielded is around zero. This means the more government tries to "help" and spend socially, the more money is lost. Setting a faulty premise for any subsequent argument is a favorite tactic of many who evade reality.

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"A Christmas Carol" captures holiday spirit

By Heather Comer
Staff Writer

This past weekend, SU was visited by ghosts during the Theatre and Dance Department's presentation of "A Christmas Carol."

The play was presented on Friday-Sunday, Nov. 20-22 in the Black Box Theatre in Fulton Hall.

Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer, the artistic director of the Bobbi Biron Theatre Program, adapted the script to show the performance from a different perspective.

"[Pfeiffer's adapted version] stays true to the text and immediate storytelling of Charles Dickens' 1843 novella," said Dr. Victoria Hutchinson, Chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. "It places the bitter old Scrooge, whose ghostly visitors show him his lonely past, his empty present and his certain lonely demise, in stark contrast to the jolly and loving Cratchit family."

This past weekend's performance was Hutchinson's first time as director of a play.

The production was a collaborative effort with over 80 people involved. This included 20 staff members, 18 actors, and more than 40 crew members on costume, set,

and lighting.

Matt Lewis played the wretched, old and miserable Scrooge. Lewis is no stranger to Black Box Theatre, but this was the first time he has performed in the play, "A Christmas Carol."

"I am a transfer student, and I worked on the crew for the production of 'A Christmas Carol,'" Lewis said. "I heard that it was Dr. Pfeiffer's adaptation, so I promised myself I would try out. I never in my wildest dreams imagined I would be cast as Scrooge."

Lewis refers to Scrooge as an "iconic character." "I find it fascinating to get down to why this guy is how he is. Yes, Scrooge is cranky and dislikes Christmas, but he obviously wasn't always like that. It's cool to understand his life and his motivations," Lewis said.

The less than 75-minute production quickly moved along as it portrayed the complete story of Ebenezer Scrooge. This included the ghostly nighttime visitors showing the forlorn past, the unhappy present, and the friendless, lonely death of Scrooge.

"The performances are only going to get better. Every night we

perfect something old, or learn something new about the show or the characters," Lewis said. "It's just a matter of putting on a good show every night and trying to make each show better than the last."

The cast will assemble again after Thanksgiving break. Shows will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 4 or at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. The final performance will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6. Admission is

free for students, faculty and staff. "What better way to say thank you [to the community] than through a holiday production of 'A Christmas Carol,' a valuable and timely story for us all," Hutchinson said.



Dan Anderson photo

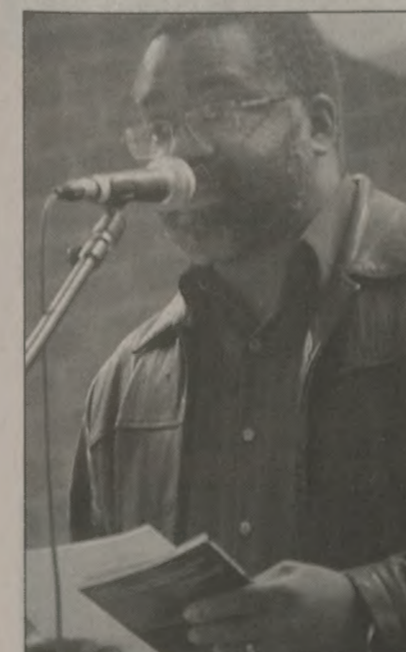
In this scene from Dr. Pfeiffer's adapted version of "A Christmas Carol," Jacob Marley, played by Tim Dykes, visits Ebenezer Scrooge, played by Matt Lewis to warn him of the ghosts that will be coming. Showings of "A Christmas Carol" will continue Thursday-Sunday Dec. 3-6 in Fulton Hall's Black Box Theatre.

From the Photo Bank: What's Happening On Campus



Erin Corcoran photo

The student, faculty, staff and community members that make up the University Choral sing operettas for their concert "Topsy-Turvy Ties," at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22.



Lorie Liebig photo

Dr. James King reads during the University Week Poetry Slam on Nov. 17.



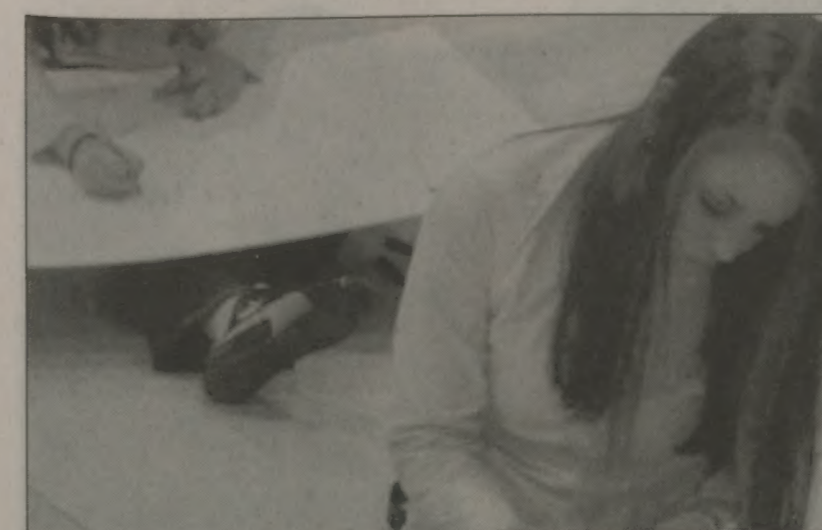
Vanessa Junkin photo

Glass Club members Dan Polk and Ben Smith work at the club's Holiday Sale in GUC on Tuesday, Nov. 17.



Photo submitted by SGA

Freshman Allie Bradley puts the finishing touches on a sign to welcome home the troops on Saturday, Nov. 21 at BWI with other members of SGA.



Lorie Liebig photo

Students gather at the "Fire & Light" ceramics and photography student exhibit in Gallery 303 of the Student Art Center. The exhibit runs until Nov. 30.



Leslie Davis photo

After their performance, members of Squawkapella enjoy cookies with Staff Senate Chair Jackie Eberts at the Appreciation Event held in the Wicomico Room on Thursday, Nov. 19.

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"Crazy for Life" tour brings Victoria Maxwell to campus

By Diana Dwyer
Staff Writer

Victoria Maxwell stopped by Salisbury University last Monday at 7 p.m. in the Wicomico Room as part of her "Crazy for Life" tour.

Maxwell is an actress, educator and playwright, according to her Web site.

The site added that she puts on a one-woman show to expose the audience to her journey of living with bipolar disorder, anxiety and psychosis.

The story began as she recalled meditating as her "last resort" in order to relieve herself from the emotional pain she suffered. Desperate to find enlightenment, Maxwell repeatedly asked herself, "Who am I?"

"I'm blown open," Maxwell said. "I don't eat. I don't sleep. I hardly drink. I've been awake for five days."

Maxwell described one period of psychosis as an "LSD trip without the LSD." She later found herself at the hospital. Upon her discharge, Maxwell said she went

"au naturel with no medication, no psychiatrist, no telling what would happen."

Maxwell was predisposed to suffer from mental illness because of bipolar disorder on both sides of her family. She credits her ability to live with mental illness to the support of her family and friends.

Students, faculty, staff, and many members of the community filled the seats. Some of Maxwell's stories had the audience laughing in unison, while other stories seemed to silence the audience, and take them by surprise.

The audience's reactions showed that many people could relate to or at least understand Maxwell's vivid descriptions of living with mental illness. Although Maxwell's memorized script sounded like she meticulously chose each word to explain her experiences, she made it simple enough for anyone to understand. She paused to explain some of the medical jargon woven into her performance, for example.

"[Maxwell] was able to communicate all the mental health issues in a touchy way," said Dr. Kathy Scott, director of Student

Counseling Services.

Cicely McElwain, director of Wicomico County Core Services Agency, explained why Maxwell was chosen to perform at SU. "[Maxwell] does a great job demystifying the stigma related to mental illness," McElwain said.

"To some degree, I wanted to be celebratory because there's a possibility to have enthusiasm for life after mental illness," Maxwell said. "Just because you get diagnosed with a mental illness does not mean you'll be sick for the rest of your life. Don't underestimate how well someone can become. If you're curious, ask questions."

After answering the audience's questions, Maxwell ended the night with a preview of her upcoming show entitled "LAID: Putting to Bed the Myths of Mental Illness and Dating."

"Crazy for Life" was co-sponsored by Student Counseling Services and the Wicomico County Core Services Agency. More of Maxwell's stories are available on her blog via Psychology Today at www.psychologytoday.com/blog/crazy-life.



Thebuzzbuilder.com photo

Victoria Maxwell

WXSU DJs interview Hotspur after SU concert

Submitted by WXSU

Hotspur rocked out with students when they played a smoke-free concert at SU on Oct. 16. Afterwards, WXSU DJs Lorie Liebig and Isabella Coker set up an interview with the band's lead singer, Joe Mach. The phone interview was broadcast on WXSU, 96.3 FM, on Nov. 10 during Coker's show.

"Both our DJs went above and beyond and did a phone interview, and that shined the station's spotlight," WXSU Personnel Manager Kelsey Grant said.

Coker said Hotspur hopes to do an in-studio performance for a WXSU broadcast when they return for Relay for Life.

Some of the questions and answers from the Nov. 10 interview are listed below. Due to space considerations, some answers are not direct quotes.

What are some of your musical inspirations/ favorite bands?
We are influenced by about everything, from Muse and The Killers to Britney Spears.

You recently played a show here to support a smoke-free SU effort. Did you like playing at SU? Any plans for future shows?
Yeah, we've played at SU a couple of times before. We just love coming out there because we have a really great fan base in Salisbury. We are actually coming back for Relay for Life, so you should definitely come to the show.

What bands have toured with in the past?
Sequoia Prep School and Boys Like Girls are the some of the main bands that we toured with.

How would you describe Hotspur's sound?
We have a pop rock sound. Very rock and roll, but pop and soul and bluesy sound.

Where did the name Hotspur

come from?

It was a name that Henry IV had. He was a real bad ass so we decided that we would go by that name 'cause it fit.

What is coming up for Hotspur in the next few months?
We are actually headlining at Rams Head in Baltimore. We played there a couple of times and management said they wanted us to come back. Our tour starts December 19.

So everyone wants to know, who's in a relationship and who's not? Who's married and still single?

Who has babies on the way and who's just thinking about them? Well, I can tell you right now that there are no babies. Haha. We make sure that we are handling our business. Half of us are in a relationship though. None of us are married yet. Taking things kind of slow.

How was the experience of filming the video for "Chandelier"?
It was very exciting, you know. It was our first video and I think it captured us very well and it's great.

You get compared to Fall Out Boy a lot. What do you have to say about that?
You know, we will forever get compared to Fall Out Boy 'cause they're such a huge band and that's not a bad thing, but we are different bands. Our sound is less electronic-based and just us.

You do a great job of trying to connect with your fans through meet-and-greets after shows and through the Internet with Facebook and your Web site, hotspur-music.com. Why is keeping that connection between the band and the fan base so important to you?
Our fans are the ones that buy our records and come to our shows and help promote us. We wouldn't be who we are and we wouldn't have made it this far if we didn't have their love and support. They mean the world to us.

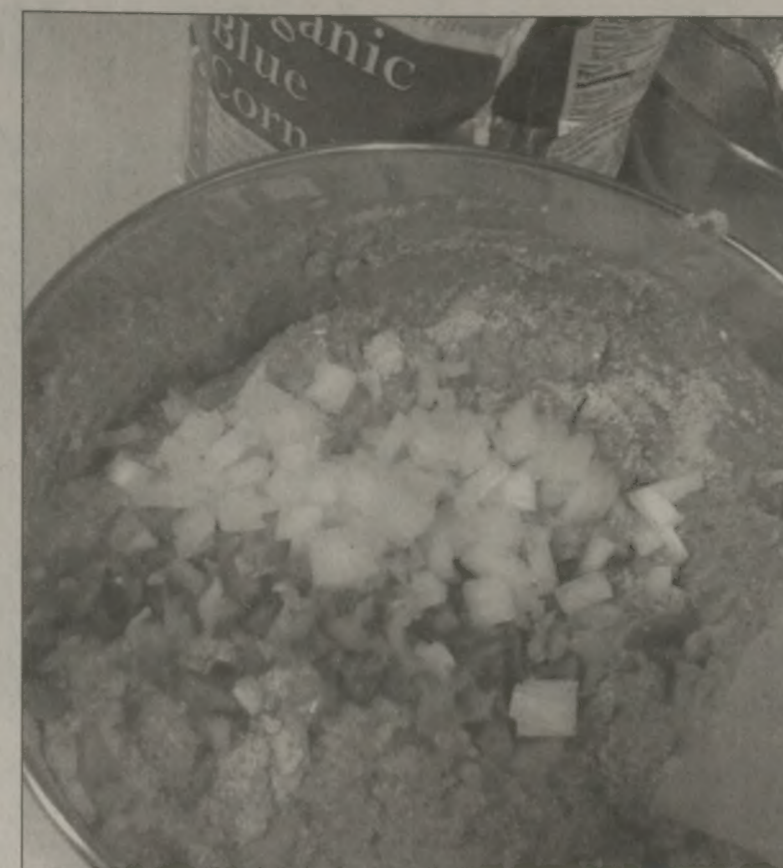
What's Cooking?

Recipes for a tight budget

By Michael Piorunski
Staff Writer

With various holiday celebrations approaching, it's always beneficial to have a few recipes on your tool belt that call for simple ingredients, are easy to prepare and can be adapted to please almost any palate. Cornmeal is a staple in many cultures throughout the world and can be prepared in as many different ways. Blue cornmeal is just as versatile – but less ubiquitous – as it is yellow and white brethren, is gluten free and imparts a distinct deep blue-purple color if used in high proportions.

These savory blue-corn cakes are an easy way to bring variety to your holiday table. The banana and jalapeño pepper combination strike a balance between sweet and heat. If served just after cooking the corn cakes have a delightful and slightly crunchy texture.



Michael Piorunski photo

Savory Blue-corn Cakes

Ingredients:

1/4 cup blue cornmeal (yellow is fine)
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup milk, or more if needed
1 banana
1 egg (optional)
1/2 cup sharp cheddar, shredded
1/2 cup onion, diced (red or yellow)
1 jalapeño or hot banana pepper, finely diced
1 teaspoon salt
Pinch of black pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 cup vegetable, canola or grape-seed oil for frying

Method:

In a large mixing bowl combine cornmeal, flour and

spices. In a separate bowl, mash banana with the back of a fork, then add milk and egg and combine.

While preparing the batter, heat the oil for frying over low heat in a skillet.

Make a well in the center of the flour and cornmeal, and then add the liquid ingredients to the dry ingredients. Gently combine, making sure not to over-mix the batter. Next add the cheese and the chopped pepper and onion when the batter is about half combined to evenly incorporate them in the batter.

When ready to cook the corn cakes turn the heat up to medium, and drop a little bit of batter in the pan to check

the temperature of the oil (the oil is hot enough if the batter quickly sizzles).

Use a tablespoon or a large soup spoon to carefully portion out the batter in the skillet; you want cakes that are about three inches in diameter.

Gently flatten the cakes with the back of the spoon. Cook the cakes for about three minutes on each side, or until they are slightly browned. With a large skillet I can generally fit four or five in the pan, but if your pan is small, shoot for two to three at a time. When cooked, place them on a paper towel to remove any excess oil.

Top with a sprinkle of cinnamon if you please. Makes about eight cakes.

Kinan Azmeh performs clarinet show on Dec. 2

SALISBURY, MD — An accomplished artist with an international reputation, renowned Syrian clarinetist Kinan Azmeh performs 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, in Salisbury University's Holloway Hall Auditorium. Azmeh became the first Arab to win the premier prize at the Nicolai Rubenstein International Competition in Moscow. Azmeh, a graduate of New York's esteemed Juilliard School and Syria's High Institute of Music, is completing his doctorate in music at New York University.

Azmeh has toured the United States since 2006 and has produced musical compositions for

both film and dance. Performances include concerts at Carnegie Hall in New York, the Opera Bastille in Paris, Royal Albert Hall in London, der Philharmonie in Berlin, Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires and the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

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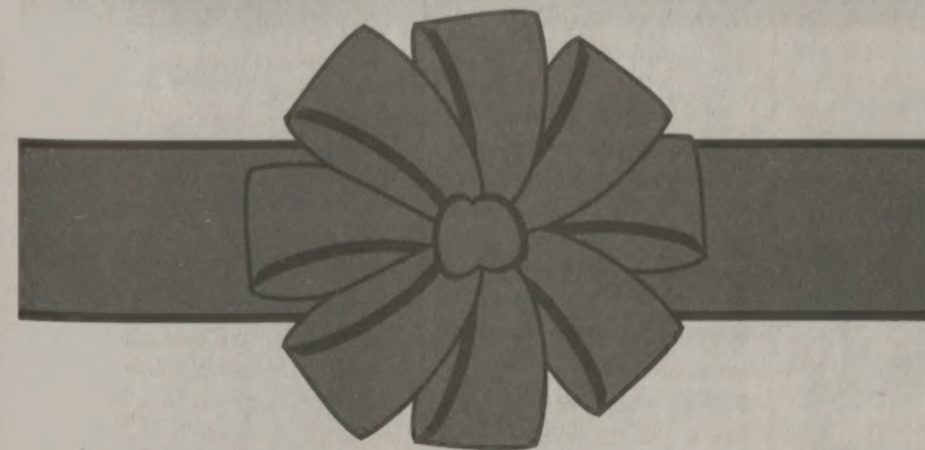


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Field hockey avenges loss to win fifth NCAA title

By Brian Joiner
Staff Writer

The field hockey team headed to South Hadley, Mass. this weekend with hopes of clinching their fifth NCAA title.

The Sea Gulls had to face an aggressive and tough defense played by the Tufts University team in the national semifinals Saturday afternoon. The ladies were able to capitalize on one of their six penalty corners in the 46th minute of play. Senior midfielder Michelle Rowe was able to get the ball to sophomore forward Alison Bloodsworth on a corner pass. Bloodsworth was able to execute from there and got her stick on the ball, just tipping it pass a Tufts defender and scoring the game's only goal. While the Salisbury offense was able to overcome the tough Jumbos defense, their own defense performed exceptional and recorded their 12th shutout of the season.

After defeating Tufts University, the Gulls headed into the national championship match to

face Messiah College, who handed Salisbury their only loss of the year back in September. The team knew this was a golden opportunity to get retribution and come out on top, and they did just that.

Salisbury beat the Falcons 1-0. Sophomore Caitlin Walker was able to score the only goal in the game on an assist by sophomore back Tara McGovern.

"We had our one loss in the season to Messiah, but we got revenge when it counted the most," Walker said. "A national championship is the reason we're all out there every day so it's amazing to be able to say it all paid off. I think everyone just came together through a lot of setbacks and changes and knew we had to stay focused and give it all we had to get what we wanted."

In the victory, Salisbury's defense repeated their dominating performance and recorded their 13th shutout of the season. McGovern helped lead the defense along with sophomore Shannon Hanratty, freshman Emily Ellenberger and junior Ashley Kinsner. Sophomore goalkeeper Anna Cooke was able to hold it down in goal leading the shutout.



Athletics photo

Field hockey team members celebrate after their 1-0 defeat of Messiah College made the Sea Gulls NCAA National Champions for the fifth time. Salisbury ended with a record of 20-1.

more goalkeeper Anna Cooke was able to hold it down in goal leading the shutout.

"What makes our team special is that each and every one of us, believe in each other. And that's what brought us to a championship," said senior Beverly Beladino.

That special team was able to

bring home the NCAA Championship. Not since 2005 has there been a shutout in a national championship game, when Salisbury first showed their winning ways and defeated Messiah 1-0.

"When everyone knows what is at stake and is driven to achieve it, the results will come out like they did. I'm so proud of what

our team was able to accomplish this season and the promise the young players have shown for seasons to come," said Beladino.

Along with Beladino, seniors Jennifer Bandy, Caitlyn Rufus, Michelle Rowe and Lauren Correll were able to experience and achieve their first national championship in their final year at SU.

Athlete Spotlight

Mike Ferrari



Athletics photo

Mike Ferrari

By Alexis Howard
Staff Writer

This week's athlete spotlight is dedicated to senior swimmer Mike Ferrari. The Columbia, Md. native has been a three-time All-CAC swimmer in his four-year career for the Sea Gulls.

In the 2006-07 season, Ferrari swam in the 200-meter breaststroke placing third.

During the 2007-08 and 2008-09 seasons, Ferrari competed in both the 100-meter and 200-meter breaststroke events. In the 2007-08 season Ferrari placed first in the 200-meter race and second in the 100-meter. In the 2008-09 season the swimmer took home first place in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races, as well as placing third in the 200-IM.

Ferrari began his senior season against opponent Marymount University on Oct. 24. Ferrari and three fellow teammates captured first place honors in the 400-meter medley relay. On Oct. 31, the men's and women's swim teams competed against CAC rivals Gallaudet University and the University of Mary Washington, where Ferrari earned himself second place for his performance in the 50-meter breaststroke, swimming the race in 29.10 seconds.

When Ferrari is not in the swimming pool, he manages his own business, Delmarva Offroad in Salisbury. The three-time All-CAC swimmer recently sat down with The Flyer and answered a few questions.

What events do you swim in?
"I swim mostly in breaststroke and IM."

Do you swim in the shorter or

longer distance events?
"I swim in the shorter events."

How long have you been swimming competitively?
"I have been swimming off and on since I was about four or five years old."

What is your major?
"I am a business management major."

Have you won any awards in your swimming career at Salisbury University?
"Not really."

What are your goals for the rest of the season?
"We are just hoping to have a good season and a good meet at championships this year. That is kind of our main focus throughout the season."

Have you ever thought about competing in the Olympics?
"When I was little I used to think about it."

Do you have a favorite swimmer?
"Not really. Growing up I looked up to people but I have kind of lost track now."

What preparation do you do during the season to keep yourself in condition?
"The team practices five days a week in the water and then two days lifting in the morning as well."

Have you ever thought about coaching someday?
"I used to coach back when I was in high school, but I got kind of busy with my business so I did not have that much time."

Young players bring fresh start to women's basketball

By Sarah Duffy
Staff Writer

The SU women's basketball team started the season strong, winning their first game of the season against Peace College 73-63. The Sea Gulls attended the Jackie Ammons Memorial Tournament this weekend and began the season with a 1-0 record for the first time in three years.

Throughout the game, the team battled back-and-forth with the Pacers, and ended the first half down by a mere two points. Salisbury fought back during an aggressive second half and managed to take an 11 point lead later in the game. Several jump shots and fouls later, SU took the win over Peace.

Senior forward Kylie Hall led Salisbury with 19 points, 11 in the second half alone. Joining Hall were top scorers senior forward Janay Johnson and junior guard Chante'

McKinney with 13 points apiece. The three girls are the only two seniors and one junior on the team for the 2009-2010 season, but they are backed by strong underclassmen.

Young players will be vital for SU's women's basketball team this year. Five new freshmen join the mix and the team welcomes back three returning sophomores. "I'm excited about the potential of this team. We are babies, we're very, very young," SU head coach Charisse Mapp said in an interview. "Almost everyone returns from last year's team that experienced a rollercoaster ride, but ended the season well. And the freshmen come in with passion, enthusiasm and high expectations. They bring all of this to a young experienced team."

The six returning players made it through the ups and downs of the 2008-2009 season, which ended with a 9-17 record. The early struggle brought last year's team to-

gether, and the Sea Gulls ended with eight wins out of their last 11 games.

"I think the last month, month and a half, of last season was instrumental in our growth as a program toward what we want to achieve. It spoke very highly of the young women themselves, to their ability to persevere and push through and maintain focus despite having a poor first half of the year," Mapp said.

Veteran McKinney is joined by three new guards for the team. Freshmen Tabitha Russell, Nichole Muller and Katie McGahagan will play on the back court this season along with sophomores Meghan Dunn, Glen Charlton and K.C. Curran. Freshman Nicole Sisco will play up with the two seniors and freshman Chandel Brown is the team's only center.

The Gulls will begin the Capital Athletic Conference season on Dec.



Athletics photo

Junior guard and All-Tournament team member Chante' McKinney brings the ball up court during the Jackie Ammons Memorial Tournament.

2 against Hood College. Shortly after the CAC opener, Salisbury will host the Optimist Classic on Dec. 4 and 5. The team will host seven additional home games during this year's season.

"For us, having a very strong non-

conference schedule helps us in our conference, because our conference is one of the stronger conferences in the region and nationally," Mapp said. "Annually, several teams go to post-season play and we believe it's time to rejoin the fun."

The days of NFL showboating are over

By Tom Watson
Sports Editor

It was seven years ago that Terrell Owens pulled a Sharpie out of his sock following a touchdown catch on a Monday night game against the Seattle Seahawks. On that night in 2002, he autographed the ball before handing it to his financial advisor, who happened to be sitting in end zone seats rented by the cornerback he had just beaten on the play. And with that, the NFL showman was born.

Showboating is nothing new. End zone celebrations have been around for years. In 1985, the Chicago Bears produced the "Super Bowl Shuffle," a rap song the team recorded before winning the Super Bowl. Then came "Prime Time" Deion Sanders. The All-Pro became famous for high-stepping into the end zone and his outspoken nature.

From T.O. placing a football on the Dallas Star, to his mock-Ray Lewis dance in Philadelphia, to eating popcorn as a Cowboy, Owens ushered in the era of showmanship over performance in the National Football League.

In that 2002 season, Owens caught 100 passes for 1,300 yards and 13 touchdowns. This was the only time in his 14-year career that Owens had broken the century mark for receptions, yet most people will only remember the Sharpie incident, or the borrowing of cheerleaders' pom-poms incident, and the list goes on.

Around this same time, Chad Ochocinco, formerly Chad Johnson, had his breakout season when he



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On a Monday night game in 2002, Terrell Owens famously pulled a Sharpie out of his sock and autographed a football following a TD.

caught 90 passes for 1,355 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2003. As Ochocinco rose to prominence among NFL wide receivers, he decided to make another name for himself as a showman, quickly gaining recognition for his flamboyant touchdown celebrations.

In fact, in a list released in August 2006 by Fox Sports listing the top ten showboaters in professional sports, Ochocinco was named number one.

The straw that broke the camel's back came on August 29, 2008, when Johnson officially changed his name to Chad Ochocinco. Ochocinco liked to refer to himself by his jersey number, 85, in Spanish, and requested to be called ocho cinco, which, by the way in Spanish means "eight five," not "85." The name change was the final step in taking celebrations too far.

As Johnson's showboating increased, his productivity decreased, including a dismal 53 reception, 560 yard, and four touchdown campaign in 2008 that had Ochocinco on the brink of being cut by the Cincinnati Bengals. Owens experienced similar decline, not having spent more than three seasons with a team since he left the 49ers and has caught just 35 passes for 563 yards and two touchdowns so far this season with the Buffalo Bills.

As a result, both Ochocinco and Johnson have cleaned up their act—Ochocinco has already surpassed last season's numbers with 735 yards and five touchdowns.

With no-nonsense commissioner Roger Goodell and ten weeks of antic-less football in 2009, I hope I can safely say, the dark ages of showmanship football are finally over.

By Fred Hobbs
Staff Writer

As the NFL marches into the second half of the season, many teams are positioning themselves to make a playoff run. The big question is what conference is looking stronger and what teams are making the best effort to make to the playoffs.

The New Orleans Saints (10-0) have the number one offense in the league as well as a cushioned lead in their division. Finishing off the rest of the season the Saints have a tough schedule as they will have to face New England (7-3) and then Dallas (7-3), Washington (3-7), and Atlanta (5-5) stand in their way of earning home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

In the NFC South the Minnesota Vikings (9-1) have one of the best running backs in recent memory and a future Hall of Fame quarterback. Brett Favre seems to have found the fountain of youth as he is leading the Vikings with the best record since 1998 (8-1). The Vikings finish their season mostly against their division, which they have dominated so far. Other NFC division leaders include Dallas and Arizona (7-3), both teams whose division lead is slim going into the second half of the season. The Vikings look to make a playoff run that will include a division title.

In the AFC, the Indianapolis Colts (10-0) have been the team

to beat this season, joining the Saints as the only other undefeated team. The Colts, led by their signal caller Peyton Manning and that prolific offense, have a big lead on their division and have played a tough first half of the regular season, with a big last minute win against New England and an escape on Sunday in Baltimore. The Colts will need all the wins they can get in order to get the first round bye and home field advantage.

In the AFC East the New England Patriots are doing what they do best—closing out the season. New England's offense and defense have caught fire in the later part of the season and they look to make a strong run into the playoffs. Other AFC division leaders include the surprising Cincinnati Bengals (7-3) and the San Diego Chargers (7-3).

In the AFC North, the Bengals have clinched a playoff berth after sweeping both the Baltimore Ravens (5-5) and the Pittsburgh Steelers (6-4). The fight for the wild card will play out over the next several weeks as the Ravens and Steelers will suit up for a rematch of last year's AFC championship game twice before the season is over.

The Ravens, who hold a tiebreaker against both the San Diego Chargers and the Denver Broncos (6-4), and the defending Super Bowl champions could very well be playing each other for a spot in the post season.



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Real Salt Lake upset Landon Donovan, David Beckham and the rest of the heavily-favored L.A. Galaxy in the MLS Cup on Sunday night. The game, which was tied 1-1, was decided in penalty kicks with RSL winning 5-4.

Real Salt Lake upsets L.A. to win 2009 MLS Cup

By Brian Lomax
Staff Writer

Real Salt Lake won its first Major League Soccer title over the heavily-favored Los Angeles Galaxy in an overtime and penalty kick thriller Sunday night.

The Galaxy, led by MLS Most Valuable Player Landon Donovan and English superstar David Beckham, went into the game riding high as they looked ready to pick up yet another MLS title. However, Real Salt Lake had other ideas, with Robbie Russell winning the game for RSL in the seventh round of penalties.

Real Salt Lake goalkeeper Nick Rimando made two saves during the penalty shootout, and Landon Donovan missed badly over the crossbar, giving RSL a chance in the extra rounds. After Rimando smothered Edson Buddle's shot, Russell beat backup Los Angeles keeper Josh

Saunders into the lower left corner to set off a wild celebration amongst the players, coaches, and fans.

RSL pulled even in the 64th minute with a Robbie Findley goal after Mike Magee gave the Galaxy a lead after Donovan's excellent cross into the box. It was the second straight shootout win for RSL, who beat Chicago 5-4 on penalties last week in the Eastern Conference championship.

Rimando made three saves in the penalty shootout against Chicago and the game MVP came up big again Sunday. David Beckham scored the first L.A. penalty kick and the first four shots also hit the back of the net. In the third round, Rimando saved Jovan Kirovski's shot, but Saunders followed that up by stopping RSL captain Kyle Beckerman. Donovan, the usually automatic penalty kick taker for both the Galaxy and the U.S. national team, then

missed. His anger was evident as he ripped off his captain's armband and threw it to the ground.

Andy Williams had a chance for RSL with the final penalty, but Saunders blocked the shot with ease. Two rounds later, Williams was able to celebrate with Russell as RSL became the second expansion team in MLS history to win the title since Chicago won it in 1998.

As RSL celebrates their first title, many questions will surround the Galaxy going into the offseason. David Beckham has already stated that he plans to play for perennial Italian powerhouse A.C. Milan, and Landon Donovan, who has played an amazing year of soccer, could once again try his hand at European soccer. If both players do leave, the Galaxy will most likely not be back in the MLS title game next season. Real Salt Lake, however, looks like they are here to stay.



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Returning stars look to take Gulls to the top

By Therran Dennis
Staff Writer

With a returning core of veterans and fresh faces, the Salisbury University men's basketball team has a slew of talent that can help the Sea Gulls soar to the top of the Capital Athletic Conference this 2009-10 season.

"I think we have a nucleus for a really strong team," said head coach Steve Holmes, now in his 10th season with the maroon and gold. "We have a solid foundation, with some new faces—they're going to give us energy with some new

looks."

Last season the Sea Gulls finished 8-8 in the CAC and 11-15 overall. We saw the emergence of two stars in seniors All-CAC guard Greg Palmer (14.6 points-per-game, 5.4 rebounds-per-game) and guard Devin Jones (15.0 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 3.0 assists-per-game) on a team that was very versatile offensively.

Defensively, the team struggled to duplicate the versatility of the offense. The Sea Gull defense struggled to stay fresh and maintain pressure on opposing teams. This season, led by Palmer and Jones, and defensive specialists in seniors

guard/forward Drew Dickson and guard Ronald Mann, the Sea Gulls will look to improve upon a season ago in which Holmes saw potential for a balanced team in the future.

"I think we were pretty consistent last year," Coach Holmes said. "We were in the middle of the pack. We have Greg and Devin, who scored just under 400 points apiece last year with the best three-point shooters in the conference, with the best free-throw shooters in the conference. I think [defense] is an area that we certainly have to improve on."

Another impact player on the team that Holmes said could take some of the pressure off of Palmer and Jones is six foot nine-inch junior center Chris McGrew.

"Chris showed a lot of potential last year," said Coach Holmes. "He had some problems with foul trouble early in the year, but really developed well. We're looking to see some big things from him."

In the 26 games played last season, McGrew averaged 8.3 points and grabbed 5.1 rebounds per game. With this type of production, he'll be looking to solidify a Sea Gull front court that has continued to grow within the past few seasons.

"I think we have good size throughout," said Coach Holmes.



Dan Anderson photo
Guard Franco Greco prepares to pass the ball during practice. This season, he'll assist seniors Greg Palmer and Devin Jones and junior Chris McGrew.



Dan Anderson photo
Junior guard Chris Edwards runs through a drill during practice in preparation for the Pride of Maryland tournament over the weekend.

"We have Chris and [sophomore forward] Lee Righter, who's about 6'6" and a very good athlete. I'd say we're in the upper echelon in our conference for our size."

Along with McGrew and Righter, the Sea Gulls will have solid production out of senior forward Matt DeLizio (3.0 rpg) and sophomore forward Mike Maczko,

standing 6'5" and 6'6" respectively. DeLizio's presence should confuse teams as he's both deadly on the perimeter and in the post. Maczko's game is very similar to DeLizio's, as he is a big man who is also capable of running the court.

The Sea Gulls will play their home opener against Hood College on Wednesday, Dec. 2 in Maggs.

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Football

The Salisbury football team (5-6) ended their season with a loss on Saturday in the 2009 Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Southwest Bowl at Arnold Field.

The Sea Gulls held a 21-20 lead over Lebanon Valley College heading into the fourth quarter, but the Dutchmen blew the game open, scoring 17 unanswered points to defeat Salisbury 37-21.

Junior quarterback Sean Kelly led the Gulls, rushing for 50 of SU's 134 yards on the ground while senior slotback William Midgett and sophomore slotback Randal Smedley each scored a touchdown.

There was a bright spot in the loss, however, as senior defensive back Brandon Hudson intercepted his ninth pass of the season, setting the Salisbury single-season record for interceptions. Hudson returned the pick 72 yards for a touchdown, bringing his season total to 158 yards after the interception, the most by a Salisbury player in four years.

This contest was the first meeting between Salisbury and Lebanon Valley. Salisbury, the defending Southwest Bowl champions, are 3-2 all-time in ECAC bowls.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team started their season with a victory, defeating Goucher College 65-63 on Friday night in the Pride of Maryland tournament at McDaniel College.

Senior guard Greg Palmer led the Gulls with 15 points while fellow senior guard Devin Jones and junior center Chris McGrew each contributed 12.

On Saturday, however, the Sea Gulls fell to No. 20 St. Mary's (Md.) College 78-76.

In a back-and-forth contest in which the game was tied eleven times, Palmer scored a team-high 17 points on the night. McGrew added 15 points of his own to go with nine rebounds and sophomore forward Mike Mackzo pulled down nine rebounds and 14 points.

On Sunday the Gulls dropped the third-place game against Johns Hopkins 58-53.

Palmer and McGrew led the Sea Gulls with 12 points each while Mackzo scored 11 points, grabbed nine rebounds, and dished out a team-high five assists.

Swimming

The men's and women's swim teams traveled to Kutztown University to compete in the Golden Bear Invitational over the weekend.

The men finished third overall with 432 points while the women finished fifth with 219 points.

Junior Drew Robichaud led the way for the men, taking second place in the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 2:10.59. The men were also strong in the 800-yard medley relay with two teams finishing in the top six.

For the women, the relay team of sophomore Robin Stone, senior Jessica Kraus, senior Angie Hammond, and junior Katy Turner earned fourth place in the 200-yard medley relay in a time of 1:57.92.

This was the only invitational in which Salisbury will be swimming this season.

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